(b) Does not arise.

(c) Till 31.3.2005, this Ministry was operating the Centrally Sponsored Sports Infrastructure Schemes under which Central assistance was provided in accordance with the approved pattern to States including Uttaranchal and other agencies for creation of sports facilities subject to receipt of viable proposals from the States. The Centrally Sponsored Sports Infrastructure Schemes have been transferred to the State sector *w.e.f.* 1.4.2005, and accordingly, no allocation has been made in the budget for 2005-2006 for new proposals for sports infrastructure. All States were informed in this regard in February, 2005.

2575. Cancelled.

Delay in recruitment of coaches in SAI Centres

2576. SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that at the six centres opened by Sports Association of India over the recent few months, the recruitment of coaches and administrators has not taken place;

(b) whether it is also a fact that due to this delay in appointment, facilities for new sports like Wushu and Sepak-Takraw are not being utilized at all; and

(c) if so, what steps Government are taking to fill the vacancies of coaches and administrators at all SAI centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Sports Authority of India (SAI), an autonomous organization of this Ministry, has redeployed its coaches and administrators in their centres. No fresh recruitment has taken place.

(b) No, Sir. In the new games like Wushu and Sepak-Takraw, where SAI does not have regular coaches, coaches are hired on contract basis.

(c) Currently SAI coaches who were working outside SAI schemes have been redeployed to the SAI centres and their schemes.